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GEORGE O. SCOTT, Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.

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No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1881.

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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1843.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bezeze, PARIS.

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F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. KERFOOT HUGHES in our Firm CHASED on the 31st December last. The Business will be carried on, under the same Style, by Mr. WILLIAM LEGGIE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

NOTICE.

WE Have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this Date and during the Absence of Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH, Mr. D. McLAURIN will Act as Secretary of the Company.

NOTICE.

WM. REINERS, Chairman, Board of Directors.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our Name.

NOTICE.

RUSSELL & Co., China, 1st January, 1882.

NOTICE.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, At NOON, MONDAY, the 20th February, 1882, at the Offices of Messrs HUGHES & LEGGIE, Hongkong, (On account of the concerned), THE WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP "PAK HOI," as she now lies sunk in Amoy Harbor.

NOTICE.

N.B.—Two STEAM PUMPS and FITTINGS connected therewith which are attached to the Vessel's Upper Deck are not included in this Sale.

NOTICE.

For further Particulars, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, S.S. "Pakhoi."

NOTICE.

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

NOTICE.

TO LET.

TO LET.

No. 4, Old Bailey Street, "KURUMAJIAN" No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

TO LET.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

TO LET.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREEFOLD'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and FINEST LAGER BEER, DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts. FINE OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

FOR SALE.

SILVER MOUSSEAU (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases of 2 dozen, Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

FOR SALE.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED. BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELRY, of various kinds. INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS. SMOKING CAPS. RUMPOCKE CHUDERS; and CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for Ladies' Dresses.

FOR SALE.

At MODERATE PRICES. N. M. KHAMISA, 8 and 10, Peel Street. Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE now a New and Large STOCK in the following Departments, viz.—HOUSEHOLD STORES.

CHOICE & BLACKWELL, and MORE, HUNTLEY & PALMER'S, and AMERICAN BISCUITS; and CRACKNELS, SCOTCH OAT CAKES, MACKENZIE'S ALBERT BISCUITS; NEW MUSCATEL RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, ELVAS PLUMS, DESSERT FRUIT in Syrup, NOYEAU and BRANDY; STILTON, GORGONZOLA, PINE-APPLE and ALBERT CHEESE; NEW COSAQUES and CONFECTIONERY.

BRANDIES—COGNAC, EXHAW'S, and HENNESSY'S. WHISKIES—BOURBON, BULLOCK LAMBS, KIMAHAN'S LL, and L. C. & Co.'s SPECIAL BLEND, RED HEART RUM; SOUVARE RACE and Old Tom. CHAMPAGNE—KOHNSTAM, RUINART, CLARETS—MEDOC, HAUT TALENCE, LAIGNE.

Outfitted Department:—GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY in MEDIUM and STOUT MERINO, SCOTCH WOOL and CASHMERE; SUITS in FRENCH PRINT, WHITE OXFORD, and LONG CLOTH; SCARVES, TIES, COLLARS, and HANDKERCHIEFS; ROWNES CHEVRETTIE and CAPE, DRIVING GLOVES; BRACES. UMBRELLAS, TRAVELLING RUGS and CAPS, FELT and COCK HATS in New Shapes; WHITE and AMERICAN GLOVES; OVERLAND, STEEL, and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUX, VALISES, BOOT CASES, HAND BAGS, &c.

HOSE GEAR:—SADDLES, SPURS, SHIRTS, CLOTHING, BRIDLES, HARNESS, WHIPS, &c. TENNIS SETS and BALLS, TENNIS RATS in Single, Double, and TRIPLE GUT, by FRUZZARD, JEFFERIES, and AYRES. WHITAKER'S ALMANACS (to arrive ex Gleniffer).

Hongkong, February 7, 1882.

Intimations.

KELLAR & CUNARD, THE ROYAL ILLUSIONIST COMPANY, will SHORTLY APPEAR.

Hongkong, February 6, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the Fifteenth day of February next, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the Second to the Fifteenth of February next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, PRINCE STREET, on WEDNESDAY, 1st March, 1882, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th Instant to the 1st Proximo, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 13, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are INVITED for the PURCHASE of 142 HONGKONG HOTEL SHARES, the Property of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED. Applications to be sent to the Undersecretary until 1 o'clock p.m. on the 28th February, 1882. Offers under Par will not be entertained.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE HEAD OFFICE of THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, is this day REMOVED to No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

WANTED.

A Managing PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with ASSORTED WATERS MANUFACTURE and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined. For full Particulars, apply to "A. B. C." e/o. OFFICE of THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirtieth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, QUEEN'S ROAD, Victoria, at 5 o'clock in the Afternoon of WEDNESDAY, the 22nd February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 22nd Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, A. G. STOKES, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 22nd Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, A. G. STOKES, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each; the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000.

PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....£1,420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE.....£1,230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....£1,283,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881.....£1,933,936.17

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOVE, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq., J. H. PINCKVOSS, F. D. HITCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 per cent. Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the Underwriting BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premiums paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDING, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for the above Company are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000

Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Fookchow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "SUMIDA MARU" FROM KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Tuesday, the 14th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.

Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co., Hongkong, February 13, 1882.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OWING to the damaged condition of our Wanchai Godown, caused by the Fire of yesterday, Consignees of Cargo per S. S. "Garnaronschire," from LONDON, PENANG and SINGAPORE are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods, a portion of which has been landed into the Godown and the remainder is still lying in the lighters.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1882.

STEAMSHIP "SINDHU."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "Euphrate," from LONDON, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium and Treasure—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

rk; but, although it might entail a loss of the revenue, it would hardly decrease to a appreciable degree the total export of opium from India. Monopoly or no monopoly, the object put forward by those who would smother against the opium traffic would be as far from attainment as ever.

We have already seen that the Chinese Government derives a good round sum in shape of customs from opium, and it is unnatural to suppose that, as the present condition of China, both as regards political power, population, and material well-being, affords no reason to apprehend a topium-smoking has produced any worse

spirit-drinking has among ourselves,
 convenient revenue, which has proved
 such incalculable value to the public
 treasury, has to a great extent reconciled
 its minds to the actual condition of this
 nation. Of course there are those among
 the Ministers of Fong who would
 give a return to the nation by the use of
 the opium, and who make the most capital they
 out of the petitions presented to the
 country by *christianistic literati* or by *synth-*
aspirants to official rank. But facts are
 to be overcome either by rhetoric or by
 reference to a period Arcadian simplicity,
 the necessities of the Chinese Govern-
 ment, just as real as those of the Indian
 administration, admit as little of rash
 experiments, being more the work of
 Peking Cabinet, whenever it comes to
 resolution to take action, will therefore,
 probably be in the direction of obtaining an
 increase in the amount of the customs raised
 opium; and the recent visit to Simla of a
 secretary of the Minister Li Hung Chang
 will be considered as a first step in this
 direction. Both the Chinese and ourselves
 have been anxiously to consider whether
 the consumption of opium, which is
 already a costly luxury beyond the power
 of the wealthy, will admit of any further
 increase being placed upon it without entail-
 ing a diminution in the quantity purchased.
 Of course, so far as can be practically
 argued, this result should not be deplored,
 since certainly comes under the category
 of those articles from which we should hope
 to derive the maximum of revenue with
 the minimum of consumption; but there
 is such harm as in other cases of killing the
 goose with the golden egg.

the season of the Chinese Government is her hampered by the remarkable increase has lately taken place in the cultivation of the opium poppy in the south-western province of Yunnan and in the adjoining province of Szechuen. Captain Gill, Mr Baker, several other travellers in this quarter bear testimony to the fact of great increase

has taken place in the cultivation of the opium poppy; and of the prevalent nature of the addiction of opium-smoking is this the opinion of China, where Indian opium, it is known, there can be no question. It is a common saying with the people there that whenever you find an opium-pipe in every house in Kweichow, you find one in every house in Yunnan. There can also be no question that the practice is spreading among the people, and that the area under cultivation to meet the demand is annually growing larger and larger. Despite official pronouncements that the Government is desirous, and resolved to put down by every means possible, the cultivation of opium within its borders, the plain fact is that during the last ten years the cultivation of native opium has gone on rapidly increasing; and Peking authorities have been either unwilling or unwilling to suppress this increased production of a drug which they have come to regard as "the great poison," and as a serious danger to the health of all honorable subjects under the han. Their diplomatic action must necessarily be seriously hampered by these facts, when we consider that the Chinese Government, for opium, confirmed by the lapse of time, without difficulty be satisfied both by the native supply of the Chinese, and the supply of the Indian opium be stopped withdrawn, it will be admitted that even somewhat exaggerated moral arguments and denunciations brought forward against the continuance of our trade in this article lose much of their force, and even fail to the Government. The probability is, that if the Chinese Government take any steps at all in the direction, they will be in the direction of a reduction of the tariff. Beyond the trade in opium is now under the complete control of the Chinese, and they can pass whatever regulations or restrictions as to its sale as they like. It brings at present to the Government a useful sum of nearly one millions sterling per annum.

the Chinese, has long since begun—
the private information has already
spread. At the same time, the rumours
of Russian migration have been carried on by
the Russian authorities, greatly to the
benefit of the country reverting to the
Russians, rumours which were even said to
have influenced the latter in postponing the
transfer over of the province, have evidently
induced the publication of the following
statements by the Governor of Semiretch
concerning the removal of the inhabitants to
the future boundaries of Russia
to be entirely voluntary. The inhabitants
now, it is said, convinced that if they
to become Russian subjects they will
have nothing to fear from the Chinese
aggressions. A fact of some importance is
deposited shown by those who are
settling in Russia to carry with them
their property to their new homes,
the Russian Government is not inclined
to render them any assistance after they
are settled on Russian soil. Not only are
they making with them all their harvest pro-
duce but the majority are buying up stores
and provisions as well, so that they may not
want in their new settlements for the
first year. This will, of course, suit ad-
vantage the Russian authorities, who will
be relieved of the necessity of coming
to the assistance of the settlers, but, on the
other hand, it will probably be rather un-
profitable for the Chinese, who will return

has just been received at St. Peter-
of a sanguinary collision between the

and Kirgiz in the Chinese frontier. Although the Chinese have occupied Kuel and other places on the line of contiguous with the Kuldia region, it is thought necessary, in order to prevent the Chinese from extending their power into the frontier, to erect barriers on these points a series of posts. The latter, it is said, in revenge massacred the population of the village and routed a detachment of Chinese. It is believed, however, that the Chinese are quite friendly towards the locally, which is not the frontier, but that an encounter has taken place between some Chinese officers and Russians, the latter headed by a colonel, at the fortress of Kuesai, in the territory of Amoy region. The Chinese army. No blood, however, appears to have been shed on either side. The cause of the war is an attempt on the part of the Chinese to collect taxes. It is supposed that there is a very heavy use of these forces which frequently are sent

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuation of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The *China Review*, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents at Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. It is a sixty-page monthly, containing a running account of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (local references being given, when applicable, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which through asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and entertaining Review. It is a sixty-page monthly, containing a running account of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

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Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

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Registration (each)	10 cents	10 cents
Newspapers (each)	2 cents	2 cents
Books, Patterns and ... (per 2 oz.)	2 cents	2 cents
Comm. Papers	No charge	No charge

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.
(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day at address in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. For enclosed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trinkets through the Post. Foreign Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

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1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet by 1 foot by 6 inches, and weigh more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCELS, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.); Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ices, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, but by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.
1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Chinese theft.

This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.
3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:
Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs., if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.
The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—
1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.
2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.
3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.
4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.
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Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
Section 2. From the Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
Section 3. From the Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
Section 4. From the Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
Section 5. From the P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
Section 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
Section 7. From the Naval Yard to the Pier.
Section 8. From the Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Captain.	Tons.	Rig.	Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Ashington	Brit.	Allason	809	str.	30 Jan.	31 Siemens & Co.	Bangkok	K'loon Dock
Cebu	Antor.	Edgar	373	Nov.	29 Captain			
China	Ger.	Schöder	648	Feb.	14	Kwok Ahsong & Sons	Swatow	
City of Tokio	Amer.	Maury	6070	Feb.	6	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & San'Fisco	1st prox.
Conquest	Brit.	Hanlin	318	Sopt.	28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Danube	Brit.	Clanchy	561	Jan.	31	Yuen Fat Hong	Rangoon	Cos'tan Dock
Devonshire	Brit.	Parry	1513	Feb.	6	Russell & Co.	Y'ham & San'Fisco	To-morrow
Empire	Brit.	Shannon	117	Oct.	29	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.		Tug Plying
Hongkong	Brit.	Fryer	938	Feb.	7	Edward Schollhaus & Sons		
Hongkong	Brit.	Fryer	938	Feb.	4	Siemens & Co.		K'loon Dock
Japan	Brit.	Gardner	1805	Feb.	5	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Straits and Calcutta	To-day
Joloano	Span.	Marquez	654	Dec.	19	Mourent	Manila	K'loon Dock
Kwangtung	Brit.	Young	674	Feb.	14	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Coast Ports	To-day
Lennox	Brit.	Scott	1327	Feb.	6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Straits and Calcutta	To-day
Lido	Brit.	Lewis	620	Feb.	12	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Li Tai	Annam	Li Ton Tse	1000	July	7	Captain		
Mell	Chi.	Null	472	Feb.	6	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Mindanao	Span.	Tromoya	650	Feb.	8	Dunn, Molby & Co.	Manila	16th inst.
Namoa	Brit.	Westoby	862	Jan.	14	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Coast Ports	Cos'tan Dock
Nona	Ger.	Wölfel	669	Feb.	12	Edward Schollhaus & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Norden	Dan.	Rasmussen	778	Feb.	9	Siemens & Co.	Saigon	
Paladin	Brit.	Hubin	896	Feb.	14	Tung Kee & Co.	Saigon	
Sea Gulf	Amer.	Haydon	48	Nov.	24	China Traders' Insurance Co.		
Shun Tip	Annam	Yuen Man Fu	326	July	7	Captain		
Sunda	Brit.	Hubert	1029	Feb.	4	M. B. M. S. S. Co.	Kobe and Yokohama	At daylight
Sunda	Brit.	Reeves	1029	Feb.	4	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
Thales	Brit.	Pocock	820	Feb.	11	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Coast Ports	at daylight
Sailing Vessels.								
Adam M. Simpson	Amer.	Call, Jr.	1467	Feb.	2	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Adolph	Ger.	Mohr	842	Jan.	14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Alden Bessie	Amer.	Noyes	842	Jan.	9	Rozario & Co.	Philippines	
Andromeda	Ger.	Schäffer	1879	Jan.	21	Order	Tientsin	
Benelicia	Ger.	Jensen	247	Feb.	11	Wieler & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Blue Jacket	Amer.	Perceval	1396	Nov.	21	Russell & Co.		
Bohdia	Ger.	Flucke	654	Feb.	13	Siemens & Co.		
Bravo	Amer.	Williams	917	Feb.	10	Captain		
Calamoro	Amer.	Callanore	938	Feb.	11	Chinese		
Colona	Amer.	Noyes	863	Jan.	1	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Edwin Reed	Amer.	Gilmour	1178	Jan.	26	Order		
Elise	Ger.	Bruch	515	Jan.	31	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Havre and London	
Friedrich	Ger.	Spiesen	606	Jan.	23	Siemens & Co.	Singapore	
Fritz	Ger.	Zehner	1490	Jan.	28	Melchers & Co.		
Harriet W. Dudley	Amer.	Callanore	1129	Jan.	12	Jan.		
Hindostan	Brit.	Dray	1847	Jan.	18	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	Cos'tan Dock
Importer	Amer.	Gallyne	1279	Jan.	20	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Java Packet	Brit.	Hansen	674	Jan.	21	Russell & Co.	Singapore	
Laurel	Brit.	Grassan	638	Jan.	4	Siemens & Co.	Hamburg	
Lucia	Brit.	Crawley	640	Feb.	11	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Manila	
Margarethe	Ger.	Pope	1228	Feb.	7	Order		
Mary Whitridge	Amer.	Fremam	850	Jan.	29	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Minevera	Amer.	Blume	548	Jan.	27	Melchers & Co.		
Stella M. Glad	Amer.	Glend	661	Feb.	2	Melchers & Co.		
Norwegian	Siam.	Murray	711	Feb.	7	Chinese	Bangkok	
Oncida	Amer.	Carver	1130	Jan.	20	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Panny	Amer.	Dray, Jr.	1190	Dec.	8	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Manila	
Pearl	Amer.	Hovea	536	Jan.	14	Russell & Co.	Singapore	
Primus	Russ.	Cederquist	1147	Jan.	21	Order	Manila	
R. T. Clayton	Amer.	Vincent	240	Feb.	4	Russell & Co.		
Bayan	Amer.	Wing	443	Jan.	14	Edward Schollhaus & Co.		
Spirat	Amer.	Shaw	81	Nov.	14	W. H. Ray		K'loon Dock
Spirit of the Age	Brit.	Williams	347	Nov.	17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Simatra	Amer.	Shaw	1072	Jan.	20	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Syren	Amer.	Brown	875	Oct.	5	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Tecumseh	Amer.	Lincoln	1309	Jan.	23	Order		
Three Brothers	Brit.	Katke	366	Feb.	6	Chinese		
Twilight	Amer.	Warland	136	Sep't.	27	Russell & Co.	New York	
Vulpario	Ger.	Meyer	486	Feb.	11	Melchers & Co.		
W. R. Ketch	Amer.	Bray	1717	Jan.	9	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Wakeside	Amer.	Crowell	887	Jan.	12	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
CANTON								
Kaimchatka	Brit.	Hussey	703	Feb.	11	M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Ningpo	Brit.	Glas	781	Feb.	13	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Phoenix	Ger.	Behrens	739	Feb.	13	Butterfield & Swire		